



**City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 24, 2014, 5:00 pm  
Wells Community Center**

The Wells City Council convened on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: John Herman, Gary Robbins, Ann Marie Schuster and Ashley Seedorf. Councilmembers absent: None. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie and Police Chief Jim Ratelle. Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

### **AGENDA**

The agenda for the March 24, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Herman and second by Robbins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Schuster and second by Robbins to approve with one correction. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **Payments**

The list of bills for March were reviewed. Motion by Robbins and second by Herman to pay bills totaling \$93,903.87. Motion carried with Seedorf abstaining.

#### **Financial Reports**

The financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to approve as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Building Permits/Overtime/Comp Time Reports**

The March Building Permits/Overtime/Comp Time Reports were reviewed. Motion by Herman and second by Robbins to approve as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Board Reports**

Planning & Zoning Commission, HRA, EDA and Park Board minutes were reviewed. Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to accept as presented. Motion carried.

#### **City Administrator Report**

Ms. Leslie updated the council on the progress of the Frank Brother's Elevator demolition, donations from the Lion's Club to the Library in the amount of \$200 and an anonymous donation to the Police Department in the amount of \$800, SFS/DEED follow-up, liquor store public hearing, board vacancies, hiring and an ongoing personnel issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Wildcats 2 am Liquor License**

Ms. Leslie and Police Chief Ratelle brought this item to the attention of the council as the licensing board. Chief Ratelle noted the increase in police activity during the first two months of 2014 and noted the activity levels since 2011 compared to the other three bars in town. He stated his concern was for officer safety and license/code violations. The council and business owner discussed this item at length.

Councilmember Schuster suggested this item be referred back to the Public Safety Committee for resolution.

**Wells Active Living Coalition Trails & Sidewalk Plan**

Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk, presented the plan to the council stating the plan was a result of the area Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant that the Wells Active Living Coalition has been working on for several years. She also stated this plan was based on the results of a public survey, the basis for the Safe Routes to School project and that it sets out prioritized short term, mid-term and long-term goals. The council stated they would like more time to review the plan and would like to table the item until the next meeting. Motion by Schuster and second by Robbins to table action on the Trails & Sidewalk Plan. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Gaines - none

Councilmember Herman - none

Councilmember Robbins - none

Councilmember Schuster - none

Councilmember Seedorf - none

Mayor Gaines reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robbins and second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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Mayor Ronald Gaines

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City Administrator Robin Leslie